

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 23, 2019

The Honorable Kelly Craft
Ambassador
United States Mission to the United Nations
799 United Nations Plaza
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Dear Ambassador Craft:



We write out of concern with the recent activity in the Kashmir region, amid increasing tension between the nations of India and Pakistan – both of whom have nuclear capabilities. Maintaining peace and stability in this region is a matter of global security.

As you know, last month the Indian government announced it would revise the legal status of the Jammu and Kashmir state. Historically, the Indian constitution has granted special autonomous status to the state. In late July and early August, India moved 45,000 troops into the Kashmir region. Upon removing the special status on August 5, 2019, residents' freedom of movement and communications were suspended in the area. We are encouraged by recent reports that the restrictions have begun to be lifted.

As the United Nations begins its 74th session of the General Assembly, we encourage you to use the full weight of the United States Mission to the United Nations to encourage India and Pakistan to bilaterally mitigate tensions. Any assistance that the United States can offer to diffuse tensions in the region and encourage bilateral discussions between the two countries is of the utmost importance to assuring the safety of Americans and preserving global order.

Please let us know what actions the UN Mission and the Administration will take to prevent further escalation of the conflict between India and Pakistan. We appreciate your attention to these concerns and standby ready to assist you in any way as you represent the United States at the United Nations.

Sincerely,


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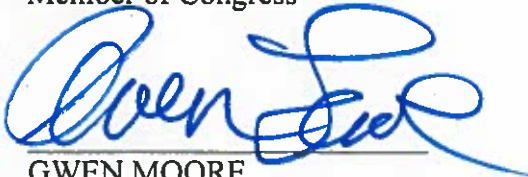
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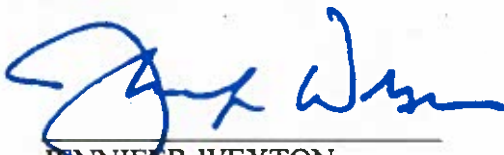
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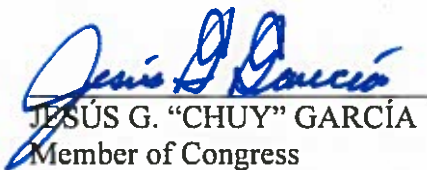
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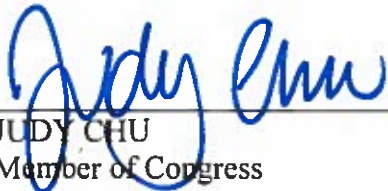
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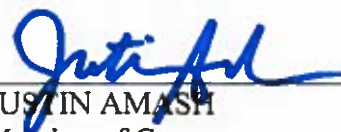
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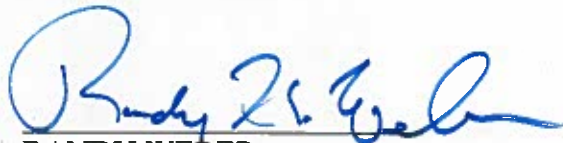
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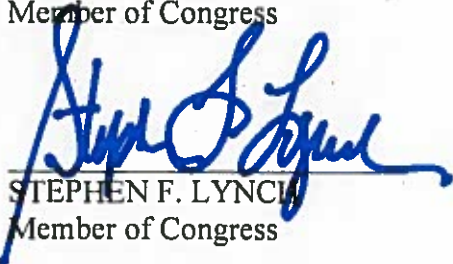
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